

HIGHLIGHTS

Winning in the Winter

Women's swimming and diving, basketball jump out to fast start

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The women's swimming and diving team won a seventh straight Liberty League championship while the men's team had two outstanding performers. Women's basketball is back in the top 25 polls while the men are getting top-notch scoring performances. Squash is nationally ranked and the track and field teams have qualified some individuals for regional championships.

Here's a roundup as the winter season was getting under way.

Winter

Women's swimming and diving: The Yellowjackets bested host RPI by nearly 200 points to win their seventh consecutive swimming and diving crown. Individually, Vicky Luan '16 was part of two Liberty League records and one pool record. She won the 50-yard freestyle, breaking the league record, and swam on the 400-yard free relay with Emily Simon '17, Natalie Wong '19, and Becca Selznick '19 which also broke a league record. The quartet also set an RPI pool record in the 200-yard free relay. Alex Veech '17 set a Rochester record and posted an NCAA provisional qualifying time in the 100-yard breaststroke. Jen Enos '17 won the league 1,650-yard freestyle for the third straight year, and Emily Simon '17 set a league mark in the 100-yard freestyle. On the diving board, Danielle Neu '17 posted qualifying scores on both the one- and three-meter boards for the NCAA regional diving qualifier meet scheduled for late February.

Men's swimming and diving: Gunnar Zemerling '18 and Elliott Schwinn '19 took home the primary league awards. Rochester finished second behind RPI, posting



HISTORIC HONORS: Forward Michelle Relin '16 (above) and goalkeeper Tara Lamberti '16 became the first field hockey players to earn first-team All-American honors at Rochester.

twice as many points as third-place RIT. Zemerling was named the men's Swimmer of the Meet, one year after he won the men's Rookie of the Meet honor. He had three individual wins and two relay wins in his seven races. He set a league record by winning the 100- and the 50-yard freestyle. He swam on the winning 400-yard free relay that set a league mark as well. The other swimmers were Danny Aronson '19, Ryan Berger '17, and Dylan Sharkey '16.

Schwinn won the 1,650-yard freestyle, setting a league record, posting an NCAA provisional qualifying time, and breaking the existing Rochester record by 22 seconds. He set league records in the 400-yard

intermediate medley and the 500-yard freestyle.

Women's basketball: The Yellowjackets opened the season with six straight wins and stood at 7-1 overall in mid-December. Al Leslie '18 was named the UAA Player of the Week after getting 25 points and 21 rebounds in a three-point win at Ithaca. Rochester had four straight games against teams which made the NCAA's last year, losing a close battle to Geneseo in the Wendy's Classic, then topping St. John Fisher for third place. The third game came against Ithaca and the fourth awaited just before New Year's in the San Juan (Puerto Rico) Shootout. The opponent

ALL-AMERICANS

Four Earn National Honors

Two football players and two field hockey players received national honors this fall.

In football, Matt Mender '16, a biomedical engineering major from Glens Falls, New York, and Jeff Weinfeld '16, a chemical engineering major from Newton, Massachusetts, were elected NCAA Division III Academic All-Americans by the College Sports Information Directors of America.

Mender, a defensive tackle, was elected to the first team, and Weinfeld, a punter, was elected to the second team. The 2015 season was the second consecutive Academic All-America honor for Mender.

In field hockey, Tara Lamberti '16, a psychology major from Penfield, New York, and Michelle Relin '16, an optical engineering major from Lititz, Pennsylvania, were named

Division III All-Americans, an honor chosen by the National Field Hockey Coaches Association and sponsored by Longstreth.

Lamberti, a goalkeeper, and Relin, a forward, both earned first-team honors, becoming the first Yellowjacket field hockey players to earn first-team accolades and the first to earn multiple All-American honors. Both were named to the second team in 2014.